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TODAY and TOMORROW

Formidable Nippon

THREE and a half years after the beginning of the Greater East Asia War, the Nipponese Navy is as strong as ever while the Anglo-American enemy Fleets have been greatly reduced and weakened.

The Nipponese Navy is capable of achieving success in any action in which it engages itself. The recent successful Nipponese landing on Morotai Island bears ample proof of it. Morotai Island is a vital strategic and supply base for America. In spite of the strongest defensive measures of the Americans, the Nipponese have effected landing without loss.

In the Okinawa campaign alone, the Americans have lost more than 526 war vessels. Admiral Nimitz and the American Naval authorities. who never admit losses truthfully and in time, are, now and then, forced to make partial admissions. The American Navy Department revealed the loss of several destroyers and other vessels without giving dates or such other particulars.

In recent months, the Anglo-Americans have been most bitterly disillusioned from their foolish hopes of inflicting a quick defeat upon Nippon. Nippon's fighting power is altogether too formidable for the Anglo-Americans. so they have been calculating upon the efficacy of a war of attrition. Unable to score any major victory against the Nipponese fighting forces. the Americans have been hoping that Nippon's resources would gradually be exhausted.

Leo T. Crowley. United States Foreign Economic Administrator dismisses as groundless all such Anglo-American hopes of exhausting Nippon. In a latest statement. Crowley declares Nippon has ample resources for a long war because of factories and raw materials in Nippon proper. Formosa. Korea. Manchuria. China and other regions of East Asia.

Statistics show that in the present Greater East Asia War. the Anglo-Americans lost nearly three million square miles of territory—their colonies and controlled area. Of this vast area, the Anglo-Americans have so far been able to reconquer only less than 7 per cent. Crowley admits that all over this area Nippon and her allies have industries capable of producing finished war products for many months and key raw materials are available for expanded production. In these regions Nippon has also vast stocks of tin. copper and other valuable war materials and synthetic oil plants capable of producing very large quantities of oil. Nippon's food position also is invaluable.

As the Greater East Asia War grows in intensity, the Anglo-Americans will be shocked by new surprises and disillusionments. Their foolish hopes will be blasted by the last decisive blows from Nippon—the last blows that will complete their defeat and destruction.

RELENTLESS WAR RAGING IN OKINAWA

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Tremendous Difficulties Facing Foe Invasion Forces Emphasised

Tokyo, May 28 (Domei)—In concert with the intrepid landing assaults carried out by the Giretsu Special Attack Airborne unit on the night of May 24, Nippon garrison forces are continuing their relentless fighting against the enemy and securely holding strong-points on the Naha and Shuri fronts.

Meanwhile, enemy forces on the east coast advanced slightly southward from Yonabaru by evening on May 24, and attempted a three-pronged infiltration at Amagoimori, one kilometre south of Yonabaru, Koshiki, one kilometre south of Yonabaru and Yonaha, one kilometre west of Yonabaru. However our forces are at present carrying out furious attacks and frustrating the enemy operations.

On the other hand, on the western coast of Main Okinawa Island, our forces repulsed the enemy in the Asato River sector on May 23, but by reinforcing his forces since the morning of May 24, the enemy finally penetrated into the north-western sector of Yogi, one kilometre south of Asato around noon the same day.

Zurch, May 27 (Domei)—Excusing the slow, painful American offensive on Okinawa Main Island, E. G. Vallens, United Press correspondent, emphasized the tremendous difficulties confronting the American invasion forces.

Returning to Okinawa after being away exactly four weeks, there were few changes in the battle situation, he said.

He went on: "The American people don't understand why our advance has been so slow. They suggest the army wasn't hitting the line as hard as it could. They didn't realize this was the toughest battle of the Pacific, and, excepting the Philippines, the largest."

Army commanders said an all-out frontal assault against the Nippon defences would be "suicidal" and would result in the loss of half of the United States troops, he revealed, adding that this illustrates the amount of manoeuvering necessary to push the American lines a mere two-and-a-half miles in one month.

The 96th Division thought it would take Naha five weeks ago, he said. Next it was the 27th Division which thought it could take the city.

Nippon mines are still being cunningly laid and Nipponese mortars are still hitting out strongly against the Americans, he said, adding, "The Nipponese defence is still good."

47 "Super Forts" Shot Down In Raid On Tokyo

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Premier Suzuki Voices Contempt Over Foe's Outrageous Attack

Tokyo, May 26 (Domei)—Dai Honyei announced in a communique released at 4.30 o'clock this afternoon:

"Some 250 enemy B-29's made an indiscriminate bombing attack with incendiaries mainly on the city areas of Tokyo for some two and a half hours, beginning from 10.30 p.m. yesterday, May 25th. As the result of this enemy attack Omotemiyaden and other buildings in the Imperial Palace and also the Omiya Palace were set afire Some damage was caused at a number of places in the Metropolis; however, fires were mostly extinguished by dawn today.

"Of the war results obtained by our anti air interception units, those that have so far become known are 47 enemy planes shot down, besides a large number of others which were heavily damaged."

Tokyo, May 26 (Domei)—Premier Kantaro Suzuki, at an extraordinary Cabinet meeting today bitterly denounced the enemy's outrageous and indiscriminate air attack on Tokyo and expressed his most profound regrets over the damage caused to the Imperial Palace and Omiya Palace.

Charging the American enemy with an outright violation of the code of humanity and moral principles, Suzuki renewed his determination to smash the enemy and to defend the Capital to the last in the face of the enemy's attack with the firmest conviction that this is the best way to retort to the enemy for such outrageous acts of barbarism.

Suzuki revealed he had tendered his most profound apology through the Imperial Household Minister and added he was happy to tell the Cabinet and the entire nation that Their Imperial Majesties the Emperor, Empress and Empress Dowager are absolutely safe.

NETAJI FULLY CONFIDENT OF ULTIMATE VICTORY IN INDIA'S LIBERATION WAR

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Amery Confesses Seriousness Of India Situation

The seriousness of the situation in India has been admitted by the Secretary of State for India, Leopold Amery. Speaking at a meeting in Oxford on Saturday, Amery described the situation in India as the greatest and the most urgent of problems confronting the British authorities.

According to a dispatch from London, the London journal "Daily Worker" has denounced Leopold Amery as one of the worst tyrants. The journal said "Amery was born in India, and now as Secretary for India, he stands as a principal jailer of India. He has thrown tens of thousands of Indian patriots—men like Nehru—into prison".

Meanwhile, other reports received here reveal that the Americans too are getting worried over the mounting fury of the anti-British revolution in India, which, they fear, will have disastrous effects on the Anglo-American war efforts in the country. In order to appease the Indians, the Americans are, it is reported, planning to raise some money for India's relief.

But the fact that the Americans are not at all worried over the sad plight of the Indian masses and that they are only anxious about their own soldiers who are now in India was clearly revealed when Charles McCarthy stressed the importance of "relief now while thousands of American soldiers are based on Indian soil". America's designs for the post-war economic exploitation of India were also exposed when McCarthy said that Americans must try their best to earn the goodwill of the Indians, because India's population which represents one-fifth of the human race, is one of the world's greatest potential markets.

Azad Hind Fauj Determined To Carry On Fighting Against Anglo-U.S.

Under the leadership of its own Government, the Azad Hind Fauj will carry on the fight against the Anglo-Americans wherever and whenever they are met. "Chalo Delhi" will continue to be the war-cry of this army, for the roads to Delhi are many, like the roads to Rome. Thus states Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Head of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind and Supreme Commander of Azad Hind Fauj, in a statement issued on the situation in Burma from an undisclosed base.

The following is the text of Netaji's statement.

I cannot, at this stage, issue a final or comprehensive statement on the situation in Burma for the simple reason that fighting is still going on in several parts of Burma in which troops of the Azad Hind Fauj are engaged. But there is one remark that I can make without any hesitation. Whatever victories have been achieved by the anti-Axis forces in Burma have been due more to the British Indian Army than to any other section of their forces. In the Spring of last year, when we were fighting on Indian soil, it was the British Indian Army, more than anybody else, who barred the way to Imphal, to Calcutta and to Delhi. Likewise, this year also, it is the British Indian Army, more than anybody else, that has been responsible for the victories hitherto achieved by the anti-Axis forces inside Burma. For us, who have been fighting for the liberation of our Motherland—and, incidentally, for the defence of Independent Burma—it has been the most tragic experience to find ourselves thwarted by our own countrymen in the British Indian Army who are themselves slaves in their own country.

In the midst of this tragic experience, there is, however, one small consolation. Up till now, the British Indian Army have been told, day after day, by our British oppressors, that the Provisional Government of Azad Hind and the Azad Hind Fauj had been working and fighting, not as patriots and revolutionaries, but as puppets of a foreign power. In fact, the Azad Hind Fauj had been nicknamed by our enemies as the Japanese Indian Force or JIF. Now, members of the British Indian Army and other Indians who have come into Burma alongside the British, will see with their own eyes something of the work of the Provisional Government of Free India and of the heroic fight put up by India's

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NIPPON RESOURCES LARGE, AMERICAN PEOPLE WARNED

Lisbon, May 26 (Domei)—Leo Crowley, United States Foreign Economic Administrator, today warned the American people that Nippon still has resources for a long war because of factories and raw materials in her "inner zone"—Nippon Proper, Taiwan, Korea and Manchoukuo, according to a Washington dispatch.

Although the Nipponese have suffered reverses, Crowley pointed out that the territory taken over by the Anglo-American powers is still less than seven per cent of the total of nearly 3,000,000 square miles conquered by the Nipponese in 1941.

Nippon's "inner zone" contains industries capable of producing finished war products for a long time and key materials are available for expanded production, Crowley said, adding that Nippon is producing synthetic oil on a large scale.

The Nipponese, Crowley continued, have developed substitute metals and sufficient food stocks are available in the "inner zone."

Br. Exploitation Destroys India's Economic Life

Lisbon, May 25 (Domei)—Recent reports from widely scattered representative areas in India indicate that Britain's policy of exploiting India for the furtherance of its own war effort has seriously unbalanced India's economic life, leading to commodity and food shortages and corresponding inflation.

With India facing an acute shortage of clothing, recent dispatches mentioned an expansion of the cloth rationing system to new areas of India. It has been reported that measures are being taken to institute cloth rationing to two more principal cities —Bombay and Karachi—by the first week in June, while the cloth rationing system in Calcutta, which was imposed recently, is expected to be further tightened.

As to India's food situation, British authorities are understood to be encountering considerable difficulties, owing to the shortage of food stocks. It will be noted in this connection that Sir Clarence Bird, British Food Commissioner for Northwest India, recently declared at Lahore that India's food production at present failed to meet its requirements and urged an intensification in food production efforts.

The food situation in the Northwest Frontier Province appears serious, as Dr. Khan Sahib, Northwest Frontier Premier, yesterday was reported to have personally conducted a food tour of Abottabad's streets personally to check up on the growing food complaints.

With India's productive power being strained abnormally to meet Britain's demands, the Appointments and Information Board of Calcutta University recently warned against the probable repercussions on the employment market after the war.

It stressed the danger that India's economic life faces the prospects of a serious slump in the event the end of the war should result in the closure of war industries and attendant unemployment.

The Board urged that immediate steps should be taken to study the manner in which the people engaged in the war industries could be absorbed into the normal economic life of the country, or India would face economic chaos after the war.

Syonan Shimbun Bringing Out English Fortnightly

The Syonan Shimbun (English Edition) is shortly bringing out a fortnightly magazine known as the "Syonan Shimbun Fortnightly", for the benefit of the English-speaking section of the local public.

The magazine will contain instructive articles on varied subjects giving guidance to the public on matters of vital importance at this critical juncture of the Greater East Asia War.

The magazine will also endeavour to foster goodwill and friendship among the various sections of the local public and at the same time provide contributions in the cultural and literary fields.

The Fortnightly is priced at $2 a copy and we are sure that it will have the ready support of the public.

Netaji Fully Confident Of Final Victory In India's Freedom War

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Army of Liberation against tremendous odds. The effect of this experience on the British Indian Army in the first place and on the people inside India later on, will become more and more apparent as the days roll by. Already, a change is noticeable in the utterances of enemy propagandists. In recent days, the enemy radio has been referring to the Azad Hind Fauj, not as the "Puppet Army" as before but as the "Japanese-inspired Indian National Army."

Though we have suffered losses in men and materials during a campaign of fifteen months, our strength as well as our confidence in our ultimate victory remains unimpaired. Marshal Foch, the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in the last European War, once made an historic remark, "That Army is beaten which considers itself to be beaten." I am happy and proud to be able to say that no member of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind and no member of the Azad Hind Fauj today feels that he has been beaten. Believing in the justice of our cause, and being fully prepared to pay the price of liberty, we feel that we are invincible.

One of the fathers of the science of modern warfare, the German General and writer, Clausewitz, once said: "War has many surprises." The first surprise in this War has been the defeat of Germany, but there are more surprises in store for the world, and some of them will not be welcome to our enemies. Under the leadership of its own Government, the Azad Hind Fauj will carry on the fight against the Anglo-Americans wherever and whenever they are met. "CHALO DELHI" will continue to be the war-cry of this Army, for the roads to Delhi are many, like the roads to Rome Meanwhile, we shall continue to follow with the closest interest the ever-changing world situation, and we shall take the fullest advantage of it.

I earnestly appeal to my countrymen inside India and outside to cherish the same optimism about our final victory as we do here. If our enemies could carry on the struggle in spite of the terrible reverses they suffered in Europe and in Asia between 1939 and 1942, there is no reason why we should not have at least the same degree of courage, tenacity and fortitude as our enemies—particularly when we are fighting for a cause that is just and sacred. If it took the British full one hundred years—from 1757 to 1857—to finally subjugate India, it should be no surprise to anybody if we have to fight for a few years in order to expel them from the soil of our Motherland.

While, on the one hand, our task here has become more difficult because of the support given to our enemies by our countrymen in the British Indian Army, the responsibility of our countrymen at home has increased proportionately. Our countrymen at home have to make more sacrifices in future than they have done in the past. We shall also have to establish closer contact between the Movements inside the country and outside than hitherto.

One word more, and I shall close for the present. While it is all right to agitate for India's Independence at the San Francisco Conference and at similar conferences that will be held in future, the Indian people should not labour under any illusions as to what India may get out of such conferences. We should not forget that after the last World War, the Provisional Government of the Irish Republic could not get a hearing at the Peace Conference at Versailles in spite of the fact that the vast majority of the American people supported the Irish demand for Independence. Consequently, the Indian people at home and abroad should resolve to stand on their own legs and to achieve their national salvation through their own effort, sacrifice and blood—firm in the belief that INDIA SHALL BE FREE, AND BEFORE LONG.

U.S. Cruiser "Houston" Damaged Off Borneo

Lisbon, May 24 (Domei)—The American Navy Department today revealed for the first time that the 10,000-ton American cruiser "Houston," was recently heavily damaged off Borneo as the result of two Nipponese torpedo hits and its crew sustained heavy losses, according to a Washington dispatch.

The damaged American cruiser, which replaced the original "Houston" which was sunk in the Djawa Sea Battle shortly after the outbreak of the Pacific war, was now revealed to be at the Brooklyn Navy Yard undergoing repair.

U.S. Destroyer 'Laffey' Virtually Crippled

Lisbon, May 25 (Domei)—Ninety-one American officers and men were killed, missing or wounded on April 19, when the United States destroyer 'Laffey' was virtually crippled beyond repair by a Nipponese aerial assault off Okinawa, an American dispatch from Guam revealed for the first time today.

The 2,200-ton destroyer was said to have been the victim of Nipponese special aerial attack corps assaults.

35,000 Foe Casualties In Ryukyu Admitted

Zurich, May 25 (Domei)—Admitting that American losses in the Ryukyu-Okinawa campaign have been exceedingly heavy an official Guam dispatch today reported that American forces of all services have suffered a total of 35,116 casualties since March 18th.

Indian National School Children's Concert

The children of the Indian National School, Syonan, are holding a concert at the Ramakrishna Mission Hall, No. 9 Norris Road, tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock. All parents are invited.

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Birla Admonishes British Diehards On Indian Policy

Warning the British of the serious consequences that will follow unless Britain revised her present policy towards India, G. D. Birla, leading Indian businessman now visiting England, declared that any "take it or leave it" offer to India will certainly be rejected by the Indians. He added that if Pandit Nehru and his colleagues are released from jail without being given the opportunity of forming a responsible government, they will be under lock and key again in six months.

Meanwhile, according to a despatch from Birmingham, Leopold Amery, British Secretary of State for India, has been denounced as one of the greatest reactionist of the Tory Party by Rajani Palme Dutt, of the Communist Party of Britain, who is now contesting Amery's present constituency. Dutt declared that Amery's black record in the India Office is too well known to all. He added that Amery is directly and indirectly responsible for the devastating famine in Bengal which continues to take a heavy toll of Indian lives. He also stated that during his election campaign, he would demand the complete independence for India and the immediate release of all Indian political prisoners.

British Interim Govt. Cabinet Announced

Lisbon, May 25 (Domei)—British Prime Minister Winston Churchill tonight announced the main members of his "caretaker" Government which will hold office pending the outcome of the general elections on July 5, according to a London dispatch.

In the interim Government, Anthony Eden remains Foreign Secretary, Sir John Anderson, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Lord Privy Seal, and Leopold S. Amery, Secretary of State for India.

Brendan Bracken, present Minister of Information, becomes First Lord of the Admiralty, succeeding Albert Alexander, Labourite, while Harold MacMillan, now Resident Minister in the Middle East, becomes Secretary for Air.

Sir James Grigg remains in the Cabinet as War Secretary, while Viscount Cranborne continues as Dominions Secretary.

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Thus exhorted the various speakers at the lecture-movie meeting sponsored by the Nanko Kisha Kai (Local Journalists' Association) at the Syowa Gekijo, Syonan, yesterday evening in celebration of the Nippon Navy Day.

The meeting was largely attended by members of the various sections of the Syonan public. The meeting began with the gathering observing the national etiquette and the speakers were Mr. Yip (the Syonan Nippo), Che Abdul Samad (Berita Malai), Sri C. V. Kuppusamy (Suthanthira India), Sri Gurubachan Singh (Azad Hind, Hindustani Edition), and Mr. T. Hope (Syonan Shimbun, English Edition).

The speakers said inter alia: "This war is not a war between Nippon and the Anglo-Americans but between East Asiatics on the one side, and the white men on the other who are seeking to dominate and enslave us for all time. We as good Asiatics owe it to ourselves and to posterity to make sure that the opportunity which now lies before us, of consolidating East Asia's freedom, is not lost.

"Nippon is setting us a splendid example of self-sacrifice and supreme determination and it behoves us to follow that example and strive to emulate the Nippon spirit. Nippon is fighting to free Asia of the dominating influences of the white men, who have in the past exploited all Asiatics ruthlessly, enriching themselves while Asiatics sweated and laboured for a pittance."

At the end of the lecture-part of the meeting a number of news reels depicting the valour of Nippon warriors in the Dai Toa Senso were shown.

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